

A Memorable Visit with John and Amy Israel Pregulman

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In July, I had the opportunity to spend three days with John and Amy Israel Pregulman, who launched the "KAVOD – Ensuring Dignity for Holocaust Survivors" organization in 2015 (not to be confused with the JFS program, also called KAVOD).



John and Amy Israel Pregulman with Ernie Lorch and filmmaker Ted Green.

When John and Amy learned that more than 30-35% of Holocaust Survivors in the U.S. are living at or below the poverty line, they knew they had to do something. Through KAVOD, Amy and John have raised and distributed over \$150,000 to Holocaust Survivors in need, and we have been so fortunate to share this resource with our local Survivor community.

Photography Legacy Project

John and Amy also launched the Photography Legacy Project to honor Holocaust Survivors all over the world. John has taken 679 photos of Survivors in the U.S., Prague, Krakow, and Tokyo. While in Indianapolis, John photographed 26 of our local Survivors, and we can't wait to share them with you!



Michael and Rachel Rave



Lori Moss, Amy Israel Pregulman, and Rachel Kesner

I want to personally thank Angela and Ilya Grabovsky and Lynda Goeke and Don Katz for hosting meaningful parlor meetings so that John and Amy could share their story. I also want to thank John and Amy for visiting us here in Indianapolis, for inspiring us with their story, and for supporting our Holocaust Survivors with the respect and dignity that each of them deserve.

Stay tuned to the JFS Facebook page for more photos and updates from this special project.



Lidiya Kiperband with KAVOD's Amy Israel Pregulman after a presentation at the home of Angela and Ilya Grabovsky



John Pregulman sharing his photographs with Sofia Muchnik and Era Solyar



KAVOD group with JFS and KAVOD staff



Reception at the home of Lynda Goeke and Don Katz.